

1 1. (Currently Amended) A portable phone comprising:
2 a position detector that detects geographical position of the portable phone; [and]
3 a processor coupled to the position detector that determines whether or not to ring
4 the portable phone based on the detected geographical position of the portable phone
5 when a call is received by the portable phone; and
6 a dial mechanism for selecting stored text that corresponds to a desired telephone
7 contact, such that when a user selects the stored text, the dial mechanism dials a first
8 stored telephone number when the portable phone is in a first defined region and dials a
9 second stored telephone number when the portable phone is in a second defined region.

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1 2. (Original) The portable phone of claim 1 wherein the position detector comprises a
2 global positioning system (GPS) detector.

1 3. (Original) The portable phone of claim 1 wherein the processor further determines
2 characteristics of a ring signal based on the detected geographical position of the portable
3 phone when the processor determines to ring the portable phone.

1 4. (Original) The portable phone of claim 3 wherein the characteristics of the ring signal
2 include volume, type and tone of the ring signal.

1 5. (Original) The portable phone of claim 4 wherein the type of the ring signal includes
2 an audible ring and a vibration ring.

1 6. (Original) The portable phone of claim 1 wherein the processor does not ring the
2 portable phone if the portable phone is in a predefined region.

1 7. (Original) The portable phone of claim 1 wherein the processor rings the portable
2 phone with increased volume if the portable phone is in a predefined region.

- 1 8. (Original) The portable phone of claim 1 wherein the processor rings the portable
- 2 phone with a different ring tone if the portable phone is in a predefined region.

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- 1 9. (Canceled)

- 1 10. (Canceled)

1 11. (Original) A portable phone comprising:
2 a position detector that detects geographical position of the portable phone; and
3 a dial mechanism coupled to the position detector for selecting stored text that
4 corresponds to a desired telephone contact, such that when a user selects the stored text,
5 the dial mechanism dials a first stored telephone number when the portable phone is in a
6 first defined region and dials a second stored telephone number when the portable phone
7 is in a second defined region.

1 12. (Canceled)

A | 1 13. (Currently Amended) A telephone system comprising:
2 a portable phone that includes a position detector that detects geographical
3 position of the portable phone;
4 a defined geographical region that is assigned a telephone number;
5 a processor [coupled to] in the portable phone that determines from the position
6 detector the geographical position of the portable phone, and that rings the portable phone
7 when the assigned telephone number of the defined region is called if the portable phone
8 is within the defined geographical region.

1 14. (Original) The telephone system of claim 13 wherein the position detector comprises
2 a global positioning system (GPS) detector.

1 15. (Original) The telephone system of claim 13 wherein the processor does not ring the
2 portable phone when the assigned telephone number of the defined region is called and
3 the portable phone is outside the defined geographical region.

1 16. (Original) The telephone system of claim 13 wherein the processor delivers a voice
2 message when the assigned telephone number of the defined region is called and the
3 portable phone is outside the defined geographical region.

1 17. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling the operation of a portable phone, the
2 method comprising the steps of:
3 (A) providing a position detector with the portable phone that detects geographical
4 position of the portable phone;
5 (B) detecting the geographical position of the portable phone using the position
6 detector;
7 (C) determining whether or not to ring the portable phone based on the detected
8 geographical position of the portable phone when a call is received by the portable phone;
9 (D) selecting stored text that corresponds to a desired telephone contact;
10 (E) the portable phone dialing a first stored telephone number corresponding to
11 the desired telephone contact when the portable phone is in a first defined region; and
12 (F) the portable phone dialing a second stored telephone number corresponding to
13 the desired telephone contact when the portable phone is in a second defined region.

1 18. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein the position detector comprises a global
2 positioning system (GPS) detector.

1 19. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising the step of determining
2 characteristics of a ring signal based on the detected geographical position of the portable
3 phone when step (C) determines to ring the portable phone.

1 20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the characteristics of the ring signal
2 include volume, type and tone of the ring signal.

1 21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the type of the ring signal includes an
2 audible ring and a vibration ring.

1 22. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein step (C) does not ring the portable phone
2 if the portable phone is in a predefined geographical region.

1 23. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein step (C) rings the portable phone with
2 increased volume if the portable phone is in a predefined geographical region.

1 24. (Original) The method of claim 17 wherein step (C) rings the portable phone with a
2 different ring tone if the portable phone is in a predefined geographical region.

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1 25. (Canceled)

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1 27. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising the step of routing the call
2 using the communicated geographical position of the portable phone to a second
3 telephone that is the closest of a predefined group of telephones in physical proximity to
4 the portable phone.

1 28. (Currently Amended) A method for making a call on a portable phone, the method
2 comprising the steps of:
3 providing a position detector with the portable phone that detects geographical
4 position of the portable phone;
5 detecting the geographical position of the portable phone using the position
6 detector;
7 selecting stored text that corresponds to a desired telephone contact;
8 the portable phone dialing a first stored telephone number corresponding to the
9 desired telephone contact when the portable phone is in a first defined region; and
10 the portable phone dialing a second stored telephone number corresponding to the
11 desired telephone contact when the portable phone is in a second defined region.

1 29. (Canceled)

1 30. (Currently Amended) A method for [making] receiving a call on a portable phone,
2 the method comprising the steps of:
3 providing a position detector with the portable phone that detects geographical
4 position of the portable phone;
5 detecting the geographical position of the portable phone using the position
6 detector;
7 assigning a telephone number to a defined geographical region;
8 [ringing the portable phone when the assigned telephone number of the defined
9 region is called if the portable phone is within the defined geographical region]
10 dialing the telephone number assigned to the defined geographical region;
11 the portable phone causing itself to ring if the detected geographical position of
12 the portable phone is within the defined geographical region.

1 31. (Original) The telephone system of claim 30 wherein the position detector comprises
2 a global positioning system (GPS) detector.

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1 32. (Original) The telephone system of claim 30 further comprising the step of not
2 ringing the portable phone when the assigned telephone number of the defined region is
3 called and the portable phone is outside the defined geographical region.

1 33. (Original) The telephone system of claim 30 further comprising the step of
2 delivering a voice message when the assigned telephone number of the defined region is
3 called and the portable phone is outside the defined geographical region.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-33 were originally filed in this patent application. In the pending office action, claims 11-12 and 28-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0086659 to Lauper. Claims 13-16 and 30-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,539,223 to Bijanki *et al.* (hereinafter “Bijanki”). Claims 1-2, 6, 17-18 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,389,288 to Kuwahara *et al.* (hereinafter “Kuwahara”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,233,448 to Alperovich *et al.* (hereinafter “Alperovich B”). Claims 3-5, 7-8, 19-21 and 23-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuwahara and Alperovich B and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,479,476 to Finke-Anlauff. Claims 9-10 and 25-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuwahara and Alperovich B and further in view of Lauper. Claims 13-15 and 30-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,924,041 to Alperovich (hereinafter “Alperovich A”) in view of Alperovich B. Claim 27 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuwahara and Alperovich B and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,424,840 to Fitch *et al.* (hereinafter “Fitch”). No claim was allowed. In this amendment, claims 9-10, 12, 25-26, and 29 have been canceled and claims 1, 13, 17, 28 and 30 have been amended. Claims 1-8, 11, 13-24, 27-28, and 30-33 are currently pending.